

**ABSTRACT**

A spindle assembly for a lawnmower comprising a housing having an opening and a spindle at least partially disposed within the housing. The spindle includes a flange extending radially outwardly from the spindle within the opening and being spaced from the housing. A bearing is disposed within the housing and connects the spindle to the housing for rotational movement with respect to the housing. A seal is positioned within the housing between the flange and the bearing. The seal is a generally ring shaped member extending around the spindle and comprises a body made from a rigid material and a lip made from a flexible material. The body is connected to the housing and is fixed with respect to the housing. The lip is connected to the body and contacts the spindle, the spindle being rotatable with respect to the seal.